Robbing of passengers by taxi owners at Delhi airport

2504. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of incidents of robbing of passengers at airports in the capital by the pre-paid taxi operators, which took placed during the last two years;

(b) whether the culprits in all the cases have been arrested and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether antecedent of pre-paid taxi operators/drivers are not verified before permitting them to operate their vehicles at the airport and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) No incident of robbing of passengers at the Airport in the National Capital Territory of Delhi by the pre-paid taxi operators has been reported during the year 2005, 2006 and upto 28th February, 2007.

(c) Only those drivers, who have valid driving licences and badges, are allowed to run pre-paid taxies at the Airport. The badges are issued to these drivers by the State Transport Authority after verification.

Operation against ULFA

†2505. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a campaign against ULFA is being launched in Assam by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of militants killed and arrested so far, alongwith the quantity of explosives recovered from them under this campaign;

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(d) whether it is also a fact that ULFA militants are getting assistance from abroad;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) to (c) A Unified Headquarter has been functioning in Assam since January 1997, to coordinate the counter insurgency operations of Army, Central Police forces and State police the militant outfit United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA). During the current year (up to March 13,2007) 33 ULFA cadres, have been killed in encounter and 114 arrested. The security forces also recovered 42 weapons including 9 AK series rifles, 56 grenades, 3 IEDs and 18 Kgs. explosive material.

(d) and (e) As per reports ULFA has established camps/hideouts in some neighboring countries.

(f) The Government has taken various steps to control the terrorist activities of ULFA. These include, *inter alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of insurgent groups as unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967, declaration of "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958, reimbursement of security related expenditure to the state Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at state and Central Government level is being made.

Investment by terrorist outfits in Share Market

†2506. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist outfits are investing money in the Share Market and Real Estate;

(b) if so, the name of those major terrorist outfits and countries which are investing the money in India, through improper means;

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